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INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE QUALIFYING

For name to appear on the **General Election Ballot November 8, 2016:**

TIMEFRAMES for an independent candidate to qualify:

There are two qualifying periods for independents:

- 9 am Monday, **March 7th** through noon Friday, **March 11, 2016**
- 9 am Monday, **June 27th** through noon Friday, **July 1, 2016**

QUALIFYING FEE:

If a salaried office, three percent (3%) of the total gross salary of the office paid in the preceding calendar year.

SIGNATURES required on a *nomination petition* for an **independent candidate** to appear on the general election ballot – **five percent (5%)** of the total number of registered voters eligible to vote in the last election for filling of the particular office sought. O.C.G.A. §21-2-170(b)

General Election – 2012 – 13,217 registered voters = 661 signatures

CIRCULATION of the *nomination petition*:

No *nomination petition* shall be circulated prior to 180 days before the last day on which such petition may be filed, and no signature shall be counted unless it was signed within 180 days of the last day for filing the same.

*Petition must be signed **January 14, 2016 – July 12, 2016 noon***
(Filing deadline)